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SUBJECT: US-MALAGASY RELATIONS: CONVERSATION WITH MALAGASY  
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT

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1. DURING MY CALL ON SOLOFOSON 4/13/77 REGARDING NASA SETTLEMENT, REPORTED REFTTEL, HE ASKED ME IF I COULD TELL HIM HOW NEW US ADMINISTRATION VIEWED RELATIONS WITH MADAGASCAR. I REPLIED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS AS A MATTER OF COURSE REVIEWING ALL ASPECTS OF US FOREIGN RELATIONS AND FORMULATING POLICY ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, SOME OF WORLD-WISE SIGNIFICANCE AND OTHERS REGIONAL OR LOCAL. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC PRONOUNCEMENTS ON MADAGASCAR, I COULD ONLY ASSUME THAT POLICY SET LAST FALL WAS BEING CONTINUED. AS HE KNEW, WHAT WE CONSIDERED TO BE GRADUAL AND PROBLONGED DETELTORATION OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS HAD LED US TO DECIDE NOT TO SEND OUT AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE TIME BEING. IT WAS NEVERTHELESS HOPED THAT THIS TREND COULD BE REVERSED AND BE REPLACED BY A GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WHICH COULD IN TIME LEAD TO A RESTORATION OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. SOLOFOSON ACCEPTED THIS CALMLY SAYING THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR (DRM) HAD HAD TO TAKE  
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SOME OF THE STEPS IT DID BUT THAT HE ALSO HOPED A GRADUAL IMPREVEMENT OF RELATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE. HE SAW NO REASON IT COULD NOT, AS THE DRM WAS NOT ANTI-US, ANTI-FRENCH, OR ANTI-ANYTHING ELSE, AND WANTED TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PERSONALLY GRATIFIED IF IN HIS PRESENT POSITION HE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DEVELOPMENT AND CONCLUDED THAT

REGARDLESS OF DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS,  
HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ME,  
AS HE HAD ENJOYED WITH MY PREDECESSOR, WHICH COULD BE  
INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTling THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES.BARRETT

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